

The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 5.

CITY GOVERNMENT.—A meeting of the members of the Board of Aldermen, was held this morning, when S. Ferguson Beach was elected President, B. F. Grimes Clerk, and C. C. Wade Messenger. Mr. Grimes gave notice of his intention to resign at an early day. The Board adjourned until Monday evening at 7 o'clock. There was no quorum of the members elect of the Common Council, and that branch informally adjourned until Monday night at 7 o'clock.

In consequence of the failure of the Common Council to organize the Mayor could not be sworn in.

THE MARKET, this morning, was well supplied. Beef, veal and mutton from 15 to 20 cts. per lb. The price of vegetables about the same as last quoted. The supply of fish, terrapins, &c., was good. Poultry continues very high. Butter and Eggs at last quoted prices. Mr. John Slater had green peas and lettuce in market. The peas were for the Marshall House.

The New York Herald says: "Miss Emma Webb, elder of the Webb sisters, will deliver a lecture this (Friday) evening, at the Brooklyn Athenæum, which will be devoted to the refutation of the political theories advocated by Miss Anna Dickinson. Miss Webb is said to be a capital speaker pungent and satirical, and much sport is expected from this contest of female wits."

On every side the indications increase that Mr. Lincoln will be nominated for re-election by the Republican party, and, indeed, some think now that when the time comes, there will be no opposition to his nomination—unless there should be "untoward results of military operations this spring and summer."

The recent military order in relation to the negroes and the churches in Norfolk, Va., is calling forth censures from the strongest Union sources.

It will be seen by the advertisement in another column that Prof. Marini has removed his dancing academy to Odd Fellow's Hall, on Columbus street.

It is said that the appointment of Gen. Bragg, to his present position in the Confederate service, was made at the request of Gens. Lee, Johnston and Cooper.

Wendell Phillips, at Boston, Tuesday, amid hisses and cheers, called General Banks the "Waltham hypocrite."

A Court Martial for the trial of Capt. Todd, formerly provost marshal of Washington, is now in session in that city.

Gen. Meade was in Washington, yesterday in consultation with the Secretary of War.

Gold, in New York, yesterday, 161½.

The following announcement comes from Suez: "The severity of the weather has been experienced even at Suez, where the utmost consternation prevailed in consequence of the discovery of ice—a phenomenon previously unheard of on the borders of the Red Sea."

A special dispatch from Washington to the Philadelphia Bulletin seems to settle the conflicting reports as to General Sherman's movements. It is stated that he has returned "from his extended reconnaissance," and that he did not go near Selma, and never designed going there. It is proper to add, however, says the Baltimore American, that there is room for doubting that the Government has as yet received any official intelligence from Gen. Sherman."

The Washington Chronicle says: "Through Alexandria, Washington is pretty well connected with the interior of Virginia by railroad; but on the Maryland side there is a sad deficiency in this respect. There should by all means be a railroad connecting this city with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at the Point of Rocks; and another will be demanded at no distant day across the lower counties of Maryland to the Chesapeake Bay."

New Orleans correspondence states that news had been received there that Admiral Farragut had begun the attack on Mobile. The Tuscarora and the mortar boats left Pensacola and joined the fleet in Mobile harbor, and fire was opened on Fort Morgan. Gen. Beauregard is said to command the defences, which consist of a network of cables, chains, &c., similar to that at Charleston.

The Richmond Enquirer gives a detailed account of the raid on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and gives the following as the fruits of the raid: "The fruits of the capture were \$100,000 in greenbacks, 100 fine revolvers, a good many sabres, gold watches and other articles of value and use to the Confederate soldiers."

The steamer Thames, from Port Royal on the 28th, arrived at New York yesterday.—She passed Charleston harbor at 10 o'clock on the evening of the 28 and heard heavy firing. The steamer Arago was detained at Port Royal, and would wait till March 4 for the return of General Gilmore from Florida to take on dispatches to the Government.

Admiral Lee telegraphs the U. S. Navy Department from Newport News, Va., that the small side-wheel steamer Scotia was captured by the steamer Connecticut, on the 1st instant, having run out from Wilmington on the night of the 29th ult. She has 108 bales of cotton on board. She arrived at Newport News yesterday, for coal on her way to Boston.

Daniel B. Warner was inaugurated on the 4th of January, President of Liberia, with great demonstrations and enthusiastic rejoicings. His address on the occasion is a carefully prepared and creditable production. He is a native of Baltimore, or rather Baltimore county.

Kintelmann, the head gardener of the King of Prussia, died the other day at the age of ninety. He was employed at the Sans Souci in the time of Frederick the Great, and related many personal anecdotes of the eccentric monarch. It was Kintelmann who cultivated the first dahlias which Alexander Von Humboldt introduced into Persia.

It is stated that, in view of the large demand for houses by persons of moderate means, a company of capitalists in Philadelphia propose to erect some three hundred houses in Washington, during the coming season. They have bought land on East Capitol st. where it is said the first operations will be inaugurated.

Taxes in Virginia

The Richmond Enquirer says:—A bill has been introduced into the Virginia Legislature to relieve the people of that State from all State taxes for this year. The Enquirer adds: "The Treasury of Virginia is full to overflowing. There is said to be eight millions surplus. The finances of the State have been most admirably managed. Her bonds are at an enormous premium: her shares in the Internal Improvement Works are all paying large dividends, and her Treasury notes command a premium of fifty per cent. The ravages of the war have been great; its desolation has ruined some of the fairest portions of the State; her labor has been diminished; but confidence in her honor and integrity has not been shaken. With eight millions dollars surplus, there is no necessity for a State Tax bill."

The Washington Constitutional Union says that a general exchange of prisoners is not so probable as has been reported.

Commander Rowan is in command of the Charleston fleet.

President Lincoln has approved and signed the bill amendatory of the loan act of 1863, and the joint resolution extending the payment of bounties to the first of April.—They have thus become laws.

An explosion of the laboratory connected with a military magazine at Quebec, Canada, occurred yesterday. Thirteen persons were killed, and a large amount of damage done to surrounding buildings.

OBITUARY.

Died, in Alexandria, February, 12th, 1864, Mrs. EMILY C. HENDERSON, consort of the late Jno. E. Henderson, in the 46th year of her age, leaving a large family to lament her loss. She was a sincere christian; an affectionate wife, a patient mother, and a kind friend, generous to the poor and distressed, and beloved by all who knew her. Unconscious of her approaching end, she passed away, as a child falls asleep in its mother's arms. Yet we sorrow not for her as they sorrow who have no hope, for we know that to-day she is

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep
From which none ever wake to weep."
But a few short months ago, she followed to the churchyard the stay of her years, a devoted husband. She cheerfully surrendered him to his maker, and Redeemer. So may we say as we look for the last time on her loving face, "The Lord gave, the Lord hath taken away, Blessed be the name of Lord."

"For doubtless unto her is given,
A life that bears immortal fruit,
In such great offices as suit
The full blown energies of Heaven."
To us the question comes again, as it does each time we follow the good and wise to the sepulchre, who shall rise and fill their places? Oh that each of us who gathered to pay the last offices of respect to this dear departed one, many emulate her virtues, and follow her, as she followed Christ. Especially does a voice speak ever from her grave to her sadly bereaved children to seek to know "the better way" and meet her with joy in that day when Jesus comes to make up his jewels.
[Baltimore and Richmond papers please copy.]

In Baltimore on Wednesday, WM. BERRY, son of the late Benj. Berry, of Prince George's county, leaving an affectionate wife and two children to mourn their loss.

Departed this life on the 24th ultimo, at the residence of her mother, in Piscataway District, Md., CATHARINE OPHELIA, eldest daughter of the late John H. Clagett, in the 20th year of her age.

Died, on Thursday the 3d inst., WILSON HARRIS, familiarly known as "Dink," in the 24th year of his age; a faithful servant of R. L. T. Wilson, esq., of this city.

LINENS! LINENS!!
120 YARDS LINEN, just from Auction and will be sold at 45 cts., worth 75 cts., at H. SCHWARZ'S, No. 32, King st.
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